

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 16, 2019

A 'Wunderbar' First Oktoberfest in U.P.

A sunny day and warm fall evening was the picture-perfect setting for University Place's first annual Oktoberfest in the Village Square, adorned with festival lighting, corn stalks and pumpkins atop hay bales. Brimming with families, the event included free face painting, fun activities for the children and pumpkins for a donation from Whole Foods.

Oompah music filled the air, performed by the fittingly-dressed and lively Lyle Schaefer German Band. The Itty Bitty Schnitty food truck peddled their German fare with favorites like schnitzel, poutine or giant pretzels. And, with their tasty food, they did not disappoint this hungry crowd. With a portion of the proceeds going to support the Curtis Booster Football Club, Engine House No. 9's beer garden was overflowing with appreciative patrons. It's not too late to take your picture with the iconic Oktoberfest Face-in-Hole picture board, on display in the Civic Building Atrium though the month of December.



Thank you to the many businesses who offered Oktoberfest specials in celebration of the event: Trek Bikes, Pensee Nails & Spa, SportsClips, Pure Barre, European Wax Center, Bliss Ice Cream, Anthem Coffee and Urban Float.

Mark your calendars now for next year's Oktoberfest event, tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 9th. And if you missed this year's event, check out all the fun in the [recap video](#).





67th Avenue Overlay Project

The City of University Place's 67th Avenue Overlay project is currently underway. The project is part of the City's Transportation Improvement Plan and is primarily funded through a \$400,000 federal grant. The work includes repaving 67th Avenue West from 37th Street West to 44th Street West as well as upgrading sidewalk ramps to current ADA standards. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of October, weather permitting.



If there are any questions regarding the project, please contact the Engineering Department at 253.460.2526.

Did You Know?

Next year will be the City of University Place's 25th birthday, and the City is planning a summer party on the Square to celebrate!

Over the next few months, we will be finalizing plans and looking for local businesses and residents who wish to contribute to make it a great event.

Please keep an eye out for updates over the next few months.



FREE! Watershed 101 Workshop

Pierce Conservation District in partnership with University Place is offering a FREE workshop on your local watershed and how you can keep our water clean!



Workshop includes:

- Watershed basics
- Stormwater impacts
- Salmon
- Volunteer Stream Monitoring & Habitat Stewardship

Join us on November 13th at 6:30-8PM in the Gallery located off the lobby of the University Place Civic Building

(3609 Market Place W, University Place, 98466. Free parking located in the parking garage.)

Why Attend this Workshop?

- Find out more about how your everyday actions have far reaching effects
- Learn how to participate in citizen science efforts by monitoring your own local stream
- Stay in the know about what is happening locally to your environment
- Volunteer with our Habitat Stewardship program and let your voice be heard during the restoration of land in your neighborhoods and parks



If you are interested in PCD's Watershed 101 Workshop, contact Belinda Paterno.
253.845.9770 x117 | belindap@pierced.org

CORE Wants You!

Do you enjoy nature and working with others?

If so, then get involved with CORE and help take care of a beautiful City park and meet a lot of great people!

CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) is seeking people who are interested in helping with orchard

activities ranging from pruning, supervising volunteers, press releases, concerts, tours and the Cider Squeeze.

CORE meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, please visit www.curranappleorchard.com OR contact apples@curranappleorchard.com.



Sign Up for FlashVote Today!

Have you signed up for FlashVote? It's not too late!

Surveys take less than a minute and give participants an opportunity to weigh in on issues within our local community.



Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens who, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their city and then create ideas, identify resources, and make recommendations toward fulfilling the Council's Vision.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following commissions:

Parks Advisory Commission

Planning Commission

Public Safety Advisory Commission

The application deadline is November 15, 2019. Please note that late applications will not be considered. Forms are available on-line at CityofUP.com/committees-commissions-and-partners, and at City Hall. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 253.460.5427.

Want to Shop Local? Check out 27th Street Business District on Social Media

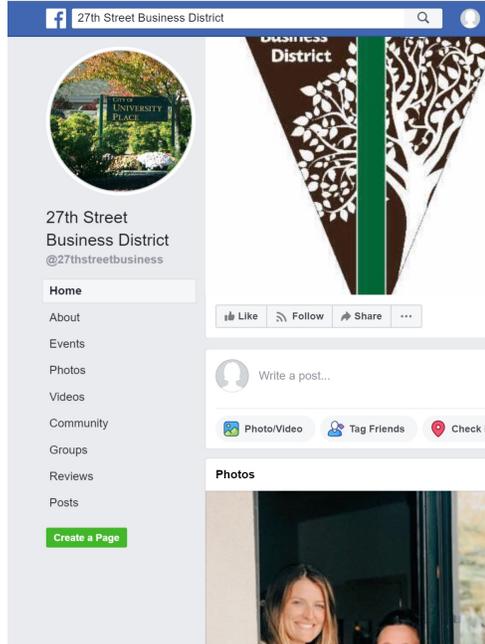
Although the 27th Street Business District is U.P.'s historic commercial area, its businesses are employing modern technology to communicate with their customers.

Michael Gruener of University Place Refuse &

Recycling is spearheading the effort to help the district's businesses use this valuable and free resource to share news on **27th Street Business District Facebook page**. Information varies from topical hint and tips to upcoming events and sales. "Anyone can join the District page since it is meant to showcase District businesses by promoting specials, sales, events and short bios of member businesses," he explains. "The goal is to get customers engaged and participating."

U.P. residents wanting to spend their money in the local economy can find ways to make purchases and access services that can be found in their back yard by using social media. The **27th Street Business Facebook page** is a fun and easy way to stay up to date on sales, events, discounts and more. Shopping local is a win-win proposition. The money you spend stays in your community and it cuts down on driving out of town to shop.

Given the power of social media, Gruener says he is encouraging all 27th Street businesses to make the most of its ability as a marketing tool and a way to get people engaged. Sometimes he even browses the businesses' own social media pages to share upcoming events or other posts onto the District page. "Our District," he says "is geographically long and a bit disjointed, which makes this community-forming a bit difficult. But we're all in this together. We want to see our neighboring businesses thrive!"



Upcoming Events



Fall Art & Concert Series
Friday, October 25, 7 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium
UPforArts.org



Jazz in the Village
Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, Oct. 26
9 a.m. to noon
Cirque Park



Join your community as they help make a difference in our parks. Contact 253.460.6493 for more information!



For more events and Council Meeting information visit the [Upcoming Events Calendar](#).

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